

WEEKLY BAZOO.

SEDALIA, MO.

TUESDAY MARCH 2, 1886.



Announcement.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of William D. Steele as a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Pettis county, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of Victor E. Shaw as a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Pettis county, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of J. R. Wade as a candidate for county treasurer of Pettis county, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce Thomas P. Hoy as a candidate for probate judge of Pettis county, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Thomas A. Fowler as a candidate for circuit clerk of Pettis county, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of M. H. Sibert as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the decision of the democratic convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of John McKinley as a candidate for county collector subject to the decision of the democratic convention.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of Joseph M. Pilkington as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the decision of the democratic convention.

WEATHER REPORT.

Corrected daily for the BAZOO by C. G. Taylor, Horologist and Optician, No. 108 Ohio street, for the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock p. m., February 26, 1886.

TIME.	TEMP.	BAR.	WIND.	WEATHER.
7 am.	29	29.10	SE	Snow.
9 am.	37	28.97	SE	Cloudy.
9 pm.	37	28.98	SE	Misty.

Extremes 28 and 37.

MERE MENTION.

—There were no arrivals at the hospital yesterday.

—There was not a single case in the police court yesterday.

—Nine 28's left State Line yesterday, bound for this city, over the Missouri Pacific.

—The only entries on the police slate last night were Pat Fitzgerald, drunk, disturbing the peace and vagrancy; E. Perry, drunk.

—Seven extra through trains beside the regular trains left the Pacific yards going west yesterday. Two new crews were reinstated during the day.

—Prof. Holloway informs a BAZOO reporter that the pupils of the Broadway school are not permitted to pass out of the school premises during recess.

—A BAZOO reporter yesterday noticed a well dressed little girl, about eight years of age, going from store to store begging a nickel at each place she visited.

—John W. Houx is in receipt of a box of luscious oranges from his old partner, Elias Kirby, who is now the guest of his son Hillard, a resident of California.

—Ernst Anke, a machinist of the Missouri Pacific shops, received slight injuries while working yesterday. He was looked after by the hospital staff and left for his home.

—J. D. York, contractor and builder, at 1202 Montgomery street, is the boss. He is always ready to furnish estimates and take orders for the construction of your buildings. Give him a call.

—George Sparr and a man named Gilmore engaged in a dispute yesterday at Seller's livery stable, over a woman who is now at Parsons, Kas. A lively fight ensued, in which considerable blood was spilled, but neither was badly hurt.

—Wm. H. Pfaff, a prominent farmer residing near Green Ridge, and Harry Eales, the popular salesman for C. F. Muir, have just received payment in full (for accident incurred) from the Travelers Insurance company, represented by A. P. Espenschied, of this city.

—Messrs. A. M. Hager, Geo. T. Brown and L. B. Hall, of Sedalia, have purchased a three-fourths interest in the Moore & Page mine, on the Holden land, at Belleville, and it is understood they secured a big bargain, as it is one of the best paying mines in that camp.—*Joplin Mining News.*

—The Thurston Hose company, in charge of Capt. John Fencel, of Omaha, Neb., passed through the city yesterday, on route to New Orleans, to engage in a grand competitive prize drill. John Gregg, the champion runner from Brownsville, joined the company here.

PERSONAL.

—A. P. Espenschied visited Tipton yesterday.

—W. R. McFauler, of Walker, was in the city yesterday.

—Geo. W. Stealy, of Higginsville, was a guest at Kaiser's yesterday.

—A. M. Gentry, of Marshall, was registered at Slicher's yesterday.

—Prof. Richardson, of the public schools lectured in Booneville last night.

—A. Q. Cameron left yesterday for a short business trip to Topeka, Kas.

—Probate Judge O'Rear left last evening for his home at Longwood, to spend Sunday.

—Mrs. Hugh Fitzgerald was taken quite ill Friday night, and was very little better yesterday.

—Misses Helen A. Goodwin and Kittie Kid, of this city, attended the *bal masque* at Clinton last Friday night.

—Miss Mary Wilson, of Warrensburg, who has been visiting friends in Jefferson City, returned home yesterday.

—Edward F. Berkley, jr., the successful special agent of the Mutual Life Insurance company, of New York, is in the city.

—C. S. Durand, who has been attending a medical college in St. Louis, is now visiting his preceptor, Dr. Fraser, of this city.

—Mr. J. F. Krebs has gone east to purchase a fine stock of ladies' and gents' shoes, which he will open at 404 Ohio street.

—M. C. Harvey, of Leavenworth, Kas., a prominent stock man, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned home last evening.

—C. N. Dodd, general agent of the Masonic Mutual Benefit society, of Missouri, is in the city and will shake hands with friends until Monday.

—James O. Brien and "Nobe" Kirkpatrick were occupants of a private box at the Theatre Comique, Kansas City, last night. They will return home to-morrow.

—A. B. Glasscock, of San Francisco, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. T. Gorrell, of this city, leaves to-day for Chicago, from which point he will return home.

—Joe P. Johnston, clerk in the office of Secretary of State McGrath, was a passenger through the city yesterday afternoon, en route to Warrensburg, where he will spend the Sabbath with his parents.

—Col. H. H. Gregg, secretary of the board of railway commissioners, passed through the city yesterday afternoon, on his way to his home at Neosho, to spend Sunday with his family.

—Mr. C. P. Brown, general salesman for H. T. Simon, Gregory & Co., dry goods importers, of St. Louis, will leave this morning for that city, where he will remain for the next sixty days for the purpose of waiting on his friends.

—A special car carrying General Superintendent Kerrigan, Superintendent Sibley and other officials of the Pacific, returned to this city from the west yesterday. Mr. Sibley left the party at this place, but the remaining gentlemen passed through to St. Louis.

The "Mysterious Trunk."

According to announcement, Auctioneer A. J. Blair yesterday afternoon sold in front of the BAZOO office, the trunk, whose contents had been advertised as mysterious and the property of a party who decamped from the city between two days. This announcement had the effect, notwithstanding inclement weather to draw a large crowd, who were entertained by the auctioneer for about an hour and a half, while he disposed of the contents of the "mysterious trunk." There was nothing out of the usual line of wearing apparel. There was quite a quantity of bed clothing of the finest quality, a suit of clothes, a couple of ladies' dresses, an overcoat and some other smaller articles. The amount realized from the sale was \$28.45.

This trunk was the property of J. F. Wolfen, who was formerly in the employ of Louis Deutsch, and who turned the property over to Wright & Smith to secure the payment of a grocery bill of about \$36. Wolfen left the city suddenly some time ago and has not since been heard from.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. J. C. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used it as a general tonic, and in particular in the debility and dyspepsia of overworked men, with satisfactory results."

Still Floating Down.

From a Pacific contractor it was learned yesterday that coffins containing the almost decayed remains of the small pox patients which were washed away by the Kaw river from the Kansas City small pox hospital, are still floating quietly down the river, for water of which is consumed by the people residing on its banks. Several men on the shore of the river, hearing a peculiar noise in the stream Friday, made an investigation and found it to be caused by the rattling of bones in a coffin which had been caught by a raft. The coffin was taken across the river and again placed under the sod.

A Free Luncher Bounced.

A young man who has been in the city for some three months, ostensibly for the purpose of learning telegraphy, has been putting in the most of his time around a certain saloon, practicing on the billiard tables, devouring free lunch, which is supposed to have been his whole subsistence, 'sleeping on settees and in short, making himself at home. The saloon keeper says that the young man told him a pathetic story about having a widowed mother, and that he had sympathized with him, but on being informed that he was a notorious dead beat, he fired him bodily from his premises, and the young student of electricity will now be compelled to seek his daily provender elsewhere.

Confederate Money.

I will pay cash for some if in good condition. For particulars address J. W. SAWDELL, North Jackson, Ohio.

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ARREST OF THE "APOSTLE."

Charles H. Smith, the "Cherubim," incarcerated in the Warrensburg Jail.

The Latest Developments Regarding the "Star of Heaven" Order.

A Member Roughly Handled for Giving Away Secrets to Outsiders.

Gunn City, Mo., February 27.—[Special]—The beginning of the end of the great order of the Stars of Heaven was inaugurated last evening, and from the profanity, ill-will and sulphurous scent just now pervading this neck of the woods, one is more inclined to look upon the affair as emanating from the lower regions of diabolism than those of celestial altitude. In a word, the great prophet and seer, Chas. H. Smith, is in limbo, and was safely lodged in the Warrensburg jail at 3 p. m. to-day, to answer to a charge of forgery, his case being set for a preliminary hearing on March 8th, and the chances are that he will be sent to Jefferson City to convert Warden Marmaduke's pets.

Agreeable to appointment, the BAZOO reporter journeyed last evening into the Big Creek hills to be initiated by the prophet, Smith, into the mysteries of the Holy Order of the "Star of Heaven." After a ride of twelve miles he rapped before the door of A. H. Warden, at whose house the prophet had agreed to assemble the "stars," accept the fee and perform the mystic ceremonies of taking in a new victim.

It was with some feeling of trepidation that the scribe knocked at the door, expecting to be immediately ushered into the presence of the "Holy Cherubim," whose magic words "make poor men ride in carriages and bankers saw wood."

The door was opened, and Mr. Warden appeared, but there was found no "Cherubim," no "Grand Central Star" and only three lesser lights were on hand. The "Stars" present, after some hesitation, stated that C. H. Smith was seen that morning on the road to Creighton, but they were firm in the belief that he would come.

Your reporter then, not to be outdone, resorted to strategy to obtain the secret objects and manner of initiating candidates into the order of The Star of Heaven.

This was done by producing a copy of the BAZOO, in which the exposure of the whole fraud practiced by Smith was published and by making the statement that not only Smith but every one who had helped to induce others to join the lodge would be implicated and proceeded against as criminals.

This brought the desired information to the front of the grand results promised by Smith, but had been induced by his fine talk and (to them) plain figures to believe that there was millions in his plan.

This much was learned: That before entering a lodge the fee must be paid; that each member must take a solemn oath of secrecy; that they will co-operate in all speculations and help one another when possible. They are required to sign the constitution and by-laws and also a kind of contract wherein a power of attorney is given to C. H. Smith as financial agent of the lodge.

This power extends in some cases even to signing notes for the members under certain circumstances, and one or two notes of this kind have turned up, as mentioned in the first article.

The officers are the treasurer and financial secretary. The members choose from among their number a good reliable man for a treasurer, who receives all the money of the lodge, and for the return of said money and its proper disbursement he is required to give a good and sufficient bond. The financial secretary has charge of all notes, mortgages, deeds, etc., of the lodge, which he is required to turn over to the treasurer when reduced to cash.

He is also fully empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to the lodge. C. H. Smith is the financial agent in all lodges and here is where the swindle looms up. When the lodge is organized, the first duty of the financial agent is to purchase a tract of land adjoining some town, or at any place, and divide it (on paper) into town lots.

When the lodge meets the members go through the ceremony of purchasing these lots from the financial agent in the following manner:

No. 1 arises from his seat, approaches the financial secretary and says, "Hello, stranger! have you any town property you wish to dispose of?"

Agent:—"Yes, I have a few lots left yet."

"What is your price?"

"Fifty dollars each for these," (exhibiting a plat).

"What are your terms?"

"One-third cash, your note for the balance, bearing 10 per cent. interest, and a mortgage on the lots."

"Very well; I will take three."

No. 1 then goes to the treasurer, gets \$50, gives it and his note for \$100 to the agent, gives the treasurer a receipt for the \$50, and the agent returns the \$50 to the treasurer and puts the note in his pocket.

No. 2 then goes through the same performance, only the agent raises on the price of the lots. He gets say \$60 from the treasurer, gives it and his note for \$120 to the agent. The money is returned as before, the note goes with the first, and the treasurer gets number two's receipt for \$60.

In this manner each member gets himself a town lot, each one receiving the treasurer's receipt for \$10 more than the preceding one, and giving his note for \$20 more than the last one.

When the lots are all sold (thirty-two in number) the agent has notes on all the members, ranging from \$100 to \$210 each, and the treasurer has just as much money in the start, and receipts of the members for the probably more money than they put into the fund when they became members.

The agent then is empowered to sell the note of No. 1, and with the proceeds buy other property, which is turned over to the members as a speculative fund. When note No. 1 becomes due he sells No. 2, off No. 1 and puts the balance in the treasury. When No. 2 is due he sells No. 3, pays off No. 2 and puts \$20 more in the treasury, and so he continues until the last, when he has the notes all paid off and \$220 more in

the fund than when he started, and the \$100 invested from the sale of note No. 1.

The notes that are good which have been thus turned over to the financial agent have been sold and none redeemed. In the manner above stated many notes have gone out and some for as high as \$600. The agent sells all the notes he can, but has never been known to pay one. One round up in town lots generally fixes a lodge.

Any member can withdraw from the lodge at any time he chooses. All he has to do is to go to the treasurer, present his demand for the money paid for admission and leave the order. But the treasurer hunts up his receipt for the money paid to buy his town lot, and if there is any coming to him after deducting the receipt it is paid; if not, it is charged to his account.

A few more victims turned up this evening. The note of George Bryant was sold by Smith in Clinton, the amount being \$225; Benjamin Kinder, \$50; Lee Kinder, \$26; Wm. Emery, \$60. A poor carpenter from Clinton, whose name is unknown, and whose family are in almost destitute circumstances, gave \$40 in hope of a fortune, but as yet has had no return. Vanmeter, of Holden, attorney for the stars, is short a fee, and A. H. Warden \$24 for board.

Some of Smith's fallen disciples, of the more intelligent order, think he has full legal authority for all he has done signed by his dupes in their blind haste to become rich by working in harness with a prophet.

A traveling insurance agent named Lane gave some information concerning his operations last summer. Mr. Lane stated that Smith was then operating in and near Appleton City. He left behind him two horses and a buggy at that place and took the "over land" just in advance of a mob.

Having obtained this meagre information the scribe departed for home, hungering and thirsting for further light concerning this wonderful institution. Early dawn found him again mounted on his trusty steed, facing the brisk breeze of a snowy morning, and it was not long until he learned the cause of the failure of the "cherubim" to materialize the night previous. Wicked men in the guise of constables had waylaid and taken him in charge on the complaint of George Bryant and Wm. Jackson, of Creighton, who had sworn out a warrant charging him with the forgery of their names to a note for \$100, and Constable James Wirt, finding Smith at Brigham Bullock's, had arrested him and started for Holden to lodge him in the Warrensburg jail.

A trip to that place enabled the scribe to meet Smith, who regretfully apologized for his forced absence from his appointment.

"What are you arrested for?" asked the scribe.

"For forgery," said Smith.

"Are you guilty?"

"No, sir."

"Did you have a note on Bryant and Jackson for \$100?"

"I did."

"Did they sign it themselves?"

"No, sir."

"Who did?"

"I did, and I had a right to do so under the rules of the order."

"Well, what do you think will be the result?"

"Oh, I suppose I will be sent up."

"Do you mean to say you expect to go to the penitentiary?"

"Yes, sir; but I would as soon be there as anywhere else."

"Are you willing, under these circumstances, to reveal to me some of the workings of your order?"

"No, sir, not here. I will probably get bail soon, and then I will find an opportunity to fix you all right for business, but my secrets must be kept sacred."

Finding further efforts in this direction futile, the scribe sought elsewhere, and was enabled to learn the following: That Smith has been operating all along the line of the Bailey road since some time in December last, and has made hundreds of dupes in various ways. But with a single exception he has never changed his name, and in that instance it may have been the fault of the party with whom he was dealing. This was at Creighton, where he ran a livery bill of \$20, which appears in the name of J. E. Smith.

At Wm. Emery's, on Big Creek, which is Smith's headquarters, was found one of his lodges, to which the following persons belong: Ben Kinder, Henry Shore, George M. Manion, J. J. Hibbard, W. D. S. Emery, J. W. Bullock, W. B. Bullock, J. H. Warden and H. J. Laroey. At least a copy of the oath required, and to which their names are attached, was found, and is now in possession of the scribe, bearing date of January 25th, 1886. This oath is in printed form and reads as follows:

HOLDEN, JOHNSON CO., MO.
SECTION 1. The Great Star of Heaven, founded on the great and holy scripture, truth, virtue and honor, is our basis. August 6th, 1885, Second edition. This is to certify that we, the undersigned citizens of Johnson county, and vicinity, do this 6th day of August, 1885, sign our full names as full members of the Star of Heaven, forever to come, and further, we will not divulge anything pertaining to the Star of Heaven, or any of its details to any outside parties, and that we fully agree to use all the influence that we can possibly command in order to promote the future welfare of the same; and further, that we will use every exertion to stand up in behalf of every fellow member. of this order, according to the rules and regulations of this order. All illegal deeds either against this order or the civil or criminal laws of the land are strictly forbidden in this order, either with outside parties or parties of this order. This is to certify that we, the right and proper owners of a membership right, take the following oath before God and man. So help us God that we will divulge nothing pertaining to the Star of Heaven to outside parties.

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Smith claims there are 320 degrees in his order, and the above oath in the first and initiatory step, with which must come the initiation fees. These preliminaries completed, the member is introduced to the second degree with due solemnities, and takes the second and following oath, to which he also signs his name:

Justice! Justice! Justice! Holy! Holy! Holy! The goodness of the Lord must fill the whole earth with glory. The seal of the Bible solved. An interpreter of visions. The foundation of Christ's holy kingdom. This is to certify that we the undersigned citizens of Johnson county, State of Missouri, do hereby sign and obligate

ourselves to use all the influence that we can possibly command, and further, that we will endeavor to use every effort to back Christ's holy kingdom and all the members thereof; and that we will use all the wealth that each one and all do possess, and all the resources that we can possibly command, no matter what we may face in the future.

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As no one could be found who had gone beyond this degree, all further means of information seems shut up within the breast of the prophet, Smith. To the Emery lodge, it is asserted that Frank Kinder, a youth of 18 years, signed his membership, but afterwards withdrew and told some of the secrets of the order. Last Wednesday night he was taken from home by members who conveyed him to the woods, tied a rope about his neck, and swung him up to a limb three times. He was in Holden yesterday, trying to secure a warrant for the arrest of the perpetrators of the outrage, but as the affair occurred in Henry county, he was advised to apply there for redress and departed.

When Smith was arrested last night numerous papers, bills, receipts, and other documents were found in his possession, among which was a deed of trust from Frank Bryant and wife, Rosetta, conveying to D. B. Wallis, for the use of Charles H. Smith, the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 30, township 44, range 28, Johnson county, to secure the payment of one promissory note for the sum of \$500. The deed is legally made out, properly signed and certified by a notary.

As Bryant is one of the complaining parties who caused Smith's arrest, it is quite evident he is deeper into this affair than the simple forgery would indicate. That George W. Bryant is also connected with the order is proven by a memorandum or certificate, also found in Smith's possession.

Just at present matters are in a very unsettled state and exposures of the BAZOO are creating the wildest excitement. From the best information that can be gathered the general impression is that the result of Smith's manipulations has entailed liabilities on real estate and in cash notes upon his victims to the amount of \$20,000 in the aggregate; but the worst feature of the affair is the alleged fact that several of the sharpest members connected in the swindle entered it for the sole purpose of making money out of his dupes and are in the possession of documents to do so.

It is only just to state that the use of J. H. January's name as attorney of the order, where it appears attached to the first oath, is without his consent or authority, as that gentleman was interviewed in his office at Holden in regard to the matter. He stated that Smith had come to his office a few days since, and solicited his services in the capacity of an attorney, but on learning his business he had declined to have anything to do with him, and had warned all members of the order who had called upon him to get out of the organization, as it was a swindle and office fraud. While in his office Smith had written something upon a sheet of his letter-head paper and shortly after he left he heard that Smith had exhibited a paper bearing his, January's, signature as attorney. He at once hunted Smith up and asked him regarding it but Smith denied the charge. Mr. January told him if he used his name in any way connected with his transactions, and it would wipe up the first intimation he will get that Smith has done so will be when he reads this article. He, January, is a reputable attorney of Holden and there can be no doubt that his name was forged by Smith.

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